

SPORTS

TRUCKERS AND COLTS TO START SERIES TO-DAY

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COLTS MUST WIN THREE GAMES FROM TRUCKERS

Leaders Battle Among Themselves, and Locals Have Excellent Chance to Climb.

PLAY NINE DAYS AT HOME

Starting Thursday, Roanoke, Newport News and Petersburg Will Be Met in Order at Broad Street Park in Eleven Games.

Virginia League Results

YESTERDAY'S SCORES.
No games scheduled.

STANDING OF TEAMS.			
Won.	Lost.	P.C.	
Norfolk	25	13	.658
Baltimore	22	13	.629
Petersburg	24	19	.560
Richmond	18	22	.450
Newport News	17	23	.425
Portsmouth	14	25	.359

WHERE THEY PLAY TO-DAY.
Norfolk at Roanoke.
Richmond at Portsmouth.
Petersburg at Newport News.

Starting with to-day's game at Portsmouth, the Colts should even up for the severe defeat administered by Petersburg last week. The Truckers have not been going any too well lately, and it is not too much for Manager Ryan to expect a clean-up of the series.

Manager George Stallings, one of the Truckers' pitching staff, will show his ability against his former teammates in two of the three games. He will start to-morrow, and is anxious to pitch again Wednesday.

While Richmond is battling at Portsmouth, Norfolk will have its hands full against Roanoke, and Petersburg will be on foreign soil trying conclusions with Newport News. Whatever way these games go will add the Colts provided they win from the Truckers.

Eight games separate the Colts and Norfolk, the leading team, and with thirty-five games yet to be played—the majority at Broad Street Park—the lead is not too much for the locals to overcome.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday and the whole of the following week the Colts will be at home, playing a four-game series with Roanoke, three contests with Newport News, and winding up the week with a series of four with Petersburg.

The question has been asked what is the matter with the Richmond team? This question is a hard one to answer, the players class with any in the league, yet the team loses with surprising regularity, the boys play top-notch ball until the latter portion of the games, then for some unaccountable reason fall flat, and the opposition comes across with the winning counters.

There has been entirely too much arguing with the umpires which was very noticeable at Petersburg in the last series, which results in players being banished from the games at critical periods, and which hurt the team work. The manager and the Manager Ryan should see to it that none of his men take any chances during the balance of the season.

Richmond still has a chance to land the pennant, it is a slim chance however, but greater obstacles have been overcome in the game, and should the Colts capture the flag under the big red banner and continue for the seasons to come with Norfolk, the winner of the first half there will be much to glory over by the local fans.

WOMEN WILL SEE LEWIS GRAPPLE WITH SAMPSON

Section of Grand Stand at Broad Street Park to Be Set Aside for Fair Sex.

At the request of a number of society women, the pennants will reserve special seats for them at the wrestling match carried for to-morrow night in Broad Street Park. Lewis, the Kentucky grappler, has made a host of friends here by his cleverness, and it is this mad artist that the men, desire their wives and sweethearts to see, because of his clean tactics on the balance of the season.

Every morning and afternoon while working out in Broad Street Ball Park or on the roads, Lewis shows a throng of youngsters the points in the game and takes on the little fellows as cheerfully as the husky ones. Lewis is nothing but a big-hearted Southern boy. Ed Smith, the famed Chicago sporting authority, said of him: "He is mighty good, though not quite the youngster is a coming world's champion." He is not a high-strung nervous champion as most of the celebrities are, but just a plain, everyday, good-natured fellow, who looks upon the world with a smile. He is not taking the German giant lightly, for he realizes he is a tough one for any man to beat.

Lewis is in the finest of condition, and will be ready at the tap of the gong to-morrow night. There will be some comedy stunts before the main bout contributed for the entertainment of the visiting merchants for "Better acquaintance Week."

MOUNTAIN LEAGUE DISBANDS FOR SEASON

HARRISONBURG, Va., August 9.—The Mountain Baseball League comprising the Covington, Clifton Forge, Charlottesville and Harrisonburg has disbanded, and the players are scattering to various points on the map.

About a month ago, Harrisonburg took the disbanded Staunton team, with the hope of perpetuating the league, later it was decided to divide the season to be played, so that all teams might start off on an even footing. Lack of support, however, caused the final breakdown of the league.

This was Harrisonburg's best effort with a straight-on professional club, though Staunton has made several attempts to have fast ball. Twice Staunton broke into the Virginia State League, and one time was holding its own. It was twenty-one years ago that Staunton, then the old State League circuit, gave to the world the famous Davy Fults.

Harrisonburg's star pitcher, Lewis, has signed with Newport News, and his catcher, Gene Higgins, has gone to Petersburg.

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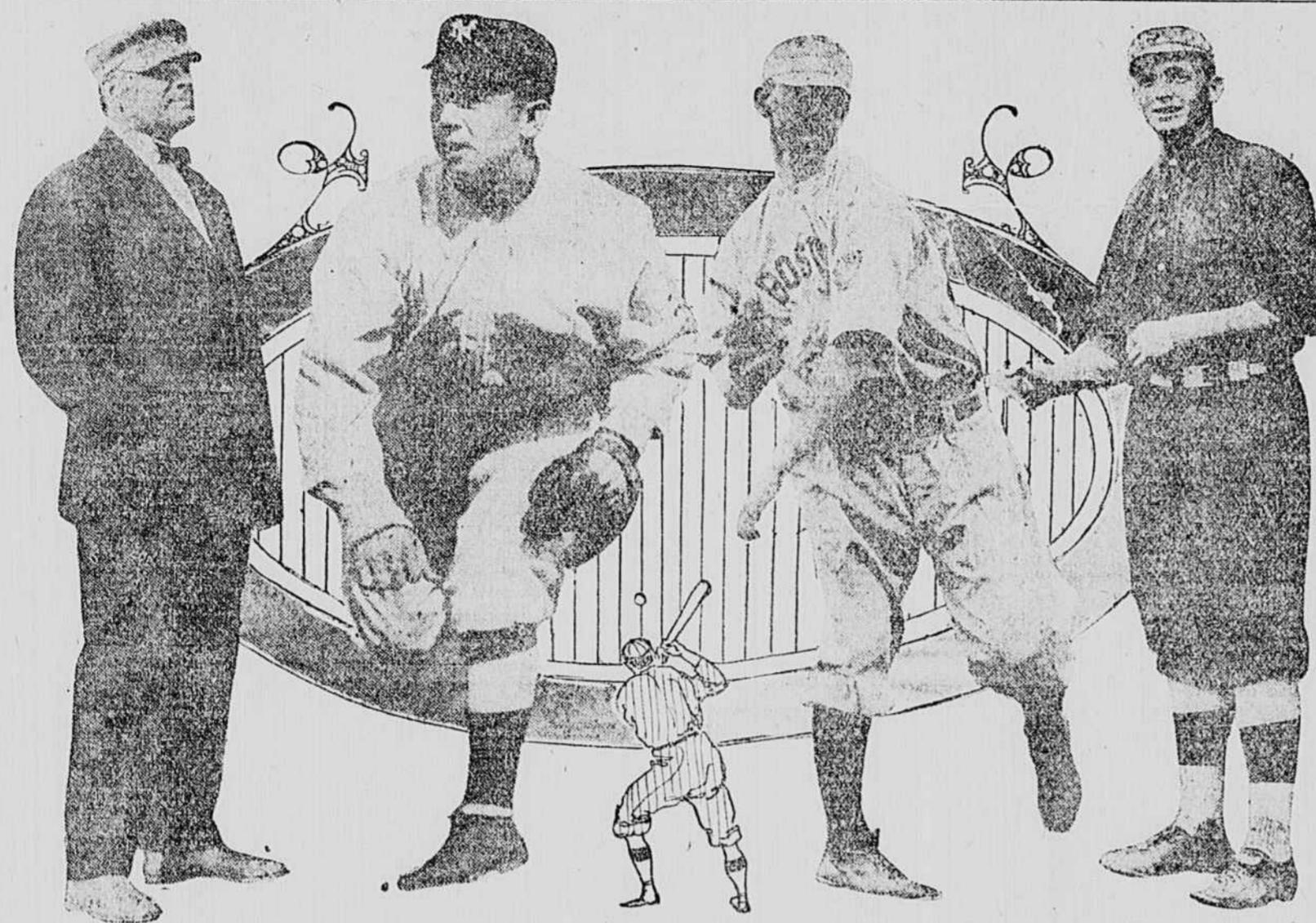
At Louisville—Louisville, 6; Cleveland, 3.

At Columbus—Columbus, 2; Indianapolis, 6.

At Minneapolis—Milwaukee, 9; Minneapolis, 3.

At St. Paul—Kansas City, 2; St. Paul, 2.

Manager Stallings and Men on Whom He Counts to Bring Braves the Pennant



Left to right: Manager George Stallings, of the Braves, and Pitchers Rudolph, Tyler and James.

In second place, and with a record of twelve straight victories to their credit, the Boston Braves are now hoping to outrun the Giants and capture the year's pennant. Their hopes seem to be well founded, for in less than a month the time the Braves have jumped from the bottom of the league standing column almost to the top. The achievement is cited as the most remarkable in the history of baseball. It was accomplished by winning twenty-three victories out of twenty-eight contests. The only danger now seems to be that Rudolph, Tyler and James, the three pitchers responsible for the Braves' remarkable leap, may go to pieces before the end of the season. Stallings has been pushing his twirlers at top speed for the last month, and these three men have pitched a game every third day. Each one of the pitchers has a record of shutouts for the past month that no pitcher in either the National or American Leagues can touch. The Braves' remarkable work has been the surprise of this year's baseball season.

CHAMPION CUEMEN TO PLAY IN THIS CITY

Famous Billiard Experts to Give Series of Exhibitions and Feature Table Contests Starting October 1.

Arrangements Completed for Service Football Contest at Polo Grounds, Will Interest Society.

NAVY ELEVEN WRECKED

Graduation Has Taken Away Many of the Veterans—Admirals Will Depend Upon New Material—West Point Squad Looks Strong.

ANAPOLIS, August 9.—It is now certain that the next football game between the elevens of the Naval and Military Academies, an athletic event which is excelled in interest by no other of the sporting classics, will be played at Washington on November 18, next, and not on the original date of November 10, which had been agreed upon.

Both the members of the Naval and the members of the Military Academies have been graduated, and the players are scattered to various parts of the country.

They will meet in teams and play exhibitions in ten cities. All of the champions will appear in those cities that are accepted for the league during the season, which is seven months, commencing October 1 and continuing until April 26. The teams will appear about six weeks apart.

They will be engaged in giving the exhibitions, arrangements having been made between eight championship matches between the players of the league in eight different cities. The championship game to be held each month will be the one which least creates quite an interest throughout the United States.

The billiards experts of the league are associated in the league, these championship matches will be played with just as much rivalry as heretofore, as it is known that the billiard players are as friendly with one another in the moment they step to the table to play billiards and their reputations are as great as they cease to be on friendly terms.

Burton Maud, president of the league, is also likely to be well up to the standard of contests of recent years. Those with only a casual knowledge of conditions at these institutions, would not hesitate to forecast an overwhelming victory for the army lads, basting the troops upon the arrival of the Navy team by a solid victory, whereas the Army does not suffer such losses.

Those who have kept in closer touch with conditions know that the history of the series of games has shown that just such years all indications have resulted in nothing, and it has been in just such times that the fleetest of the favorites have resulted, with many instances of the favorites suffering defeat.

It is, indeed, a frightful loss that the Navy has sustained by graduation. With the remarkable class of 1914 have gone players who have represented it for four solid years on the gridiron, and who have for three seasons furnished the large majority of the team.

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GRAND CIRCUIT RACERS TO START AT KALAMAZOO

KALAMAZOO, Mich., August 9.—The fastest trotters and pacers on the Grand Circuit will battle at Kalamazoo for purses aggregating many thousands of dollars. The racing begins to-morrow and ends Friday. The first fiftynight of the season will be raced in three divisions: Tuesday the 215 trot, for a \$10,000 purse, having fifteen entries.

The paper mills \$10,000 purse Wednesday again brings together the M. M. trotters and a few other fast horses.

Three races are on the card for to-morrow—a 2 1/4 mile, \$1,000, 2 1/4 trot, \$2,000, and 2 1/2 trot, \$1,000.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Baltimore—Baltimore, 8; Montreal, 1; Montreal, 4 (second game); At Providence—Providence, 3; Buffalo, 4.

At Newark—Newark, 7; Newark, 1 (second game); Newark, 10; Rochester, 1 (third game); Jersey City, 6; Toronto, 1 (third game); Toronto, 19; Jersey City, 2 (second game).

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

YESTERDAY'S SCORES.
No games scheduled.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

Won.	Lost.	P.C.
New York	56	.588
St. Louis	54	.575
Cincinnati	53	.570
Philadelphia	50	.521
Baltimore	46	.517
Chicago	47	.514
Brooklyn	42	.447
Pittsburgh	42	.438

WHERE THEY PLAY TO-DAY.

St. Louis at New York.

Cincinnati at Philadelphia.

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia.

Chicago at Brooklyn.

Trotter Stars in Line-Up.

West Point will have most of those

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WASHINGTON DEFEATED

IN 11-INNING GAME

TEAMS THAT MAKE GOOD IN A PINCH

Chicago Wins on Two Singles, a Sacrifice and Long Fly—Senators Try Hard in Ninth.

TIGERS GIVE BOSTON GAME

Pennant Possibilities Invariably Do Well in Extra Innings Games and Close Battles.

CARDINALS LEADS THEM ALL

Bill Sweeney, of the Cubs, Most Prominent in Driving Across Runs in Tight Contests—He Has Been on Break-Up Job Four Times.

Clubs that are pennant possibilities invariably make good showings in extra-inning games, to 9, battles, and contests that are decided in the ninth stanza. That is what the Cardinals, ball man says, the same being Frank Bancroft, business manager of the Cincinnati Reds, and the truth of his remark is shown by the fact that the contests of those varieties the Cubs, Giants and Cardinals, now having a three-game series for the National League championship, have been more successful than the other five teams.

The Cardinals' percentage in the extra-inning games played by them in which in which they have won is settling up the ninth or extra innings or on the basis of 1 to 9. The Cardinals had won 11 of these engagements, and were leaders in the series with 11, while the Browns had dropped only seven of these contests, while Sweeny's athletes had eleven.

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